



Lawrence Schafer

Lawrence (Larry) Schafer, 79, Andover, died August 10 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen. Mass of Christian burial will be held Tuesday, Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m., at All Saints Catholic Church, Andover. Father David Janes will officiate. Burial will follow in All Saints Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Military rites will be conducted by Andover Legion Post #258.

Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the chapel. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Lawrence (Larry) Schafer was born on November 23, 1922, on a farm south of Andover, to Joseph and Mary (Totzke) Schafer. He attended Bluebird #162 country school. After eighth grade, he attended high school in Andover, graduating in 1940. Following school, he enlisted in the navy for six years, but had to wait until he was 18 before he could participate. He took boot camp at Great Lakes, Mich. Larry served on the USS Decatur (a destroyer) and the USS Blackwood (a destroyer escort). He achieved the rank of Chief Machinist Mate and was honorably discharged in 1947.

Lawrence returned to Andover and worked for some time at Potter's grocery. He then went to Omaha, Neb., where he worked for Kellogg Company. From there he moved west and went to work for Washington Coop Farmers in Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Ore. He was hired as the manager for Farmers Marketing in Denver and worked there until his retirement in 1984. He returned to Andover following retirement. He managed the Andover cafe for a few months. He also had a lawn mowing service. He cared for both Andover cemeteries for about 15 years and took great pride in keeping them neat and clean. He helped plant the trees at the north cemetery and spent many hours watering and caring for them.

Larry enjoyed sports and could be seen at many ball games, both basketball and baseball. He was a loyal Minnesota Twins fan and went to ball games in Minneapolis as often as possible. Although in recent years he suffered from Macular degeneration and was legally blind, he continued to check people in for senior meals at the Andover Cafe.

He is survived by two sisters, Lillian (Roy) May, Andover; and June (Steve) Belohlavy, Casper, Wyo.; four nieces, five nephews and many good friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Honorary casketbearers will be all of Larry's Friends.